



MERCURY IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Sponsored by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation's Environment, Economy and Trade and Pollutants and Health Programs in co-operation with the Great Lakes Binational Toxic Strategy

*** Wednesday December 17th, 2003 ***
Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive

Regency "B"

9:00AM to 4:00PM

Register your attendance within the Great Lakes Binational Toxic Strategy Registration Form

The [Commission for Environmental Cooperation](http://www.cec.org) (CEC) is hosting a 1 day meeting on mercury in the Great Lakes region. The meeting is being co-hosted by the CEC's Environment, Economy and Trade (EET) and Pollutants and Health programs. The meeting will engage participants representing government agencies, academia, NGOs and other associated mercury and trade experts from Canada, Mexico and the United States.

The Great Lakes region stands out in the Pollution Release and Transfer Register data as a region with one of the highest total releases and transfers of mercury in North America. The EET Program is continuing to test an "environment-first approach" to enhance the policy relevance of environmental assessments of free trade. This approach engages mainstream environment and trade experts to conduct assessment work that focuses on environmental impacts within a specific geographical region that arise from sector-specific structural changes brought about by trade liberalization.

With the projected expansion of the North American electricity market and the potential trade-linked environmental implications, this meeting provides a timely opportunity to undertake an assessment of mercury in the Great Lakes region. This meeting will further contribute to the CEC's earlier work on electricity market restructuring for its Article 13 Initiative on Electricity and the Environment: (http://www.cec.org/pubs_docs/documents/index.cfm?varlan=english&ID=842).

The Discussion Will Include:

- An overview of the major mercury sources and release trends in the Great Lakes region.

- Examining future electricity capacity and expansion in Canada and the United States and assessing the effect on mercury deposition.
- Exploring potential mitigating policies and market approaches.

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